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IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY OF GROUNDNUTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India produces the maximum amount of groundnuts in the world;

(b) if so, whether inspite of this India`s exports of groundnuts are negligible; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to improve the quality and promote export of groundnuts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): India is the second largest groundnuts producing country in the World, but the export of groundnuts is negligible.

(c): Effort have been made to ameliorate aflatoxin contamination so that it does not become hindrance in export trade, Integrated aflatoxin contamination management packages have been developed and are evaluated under farmers conditions for their worthiness and adaptability

Besides, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority(APEDA) provides financial assistance for the promotion of export of groundnuts under the following activities:

- Conducting feasibility studies, surveys etc.
- Infrastructure development .
- Promotion of quality control.
- Organisation building & Human Resources Development.
- Participation in important trade fairs to promote the products.
- Publicity and information dissemination.
- Organising of Buyer Seller Meet to promote export.